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Amendments to the Claims:

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This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Please cancel claims 15-25 without prejudice.

Listing of Claims:

1. (Previously Presented) A method comprising:

rendering a print job with a client computer;

sending an authorization code to the client computer from a monitoring device remotely located relative to the client computer;

subsequently sending the print job with the authorization code from the client computer to the remote monitoring device;

the remote monitoring device checking whether the authorization code is valid; enabling printing of the print job upon determining that the authorization code is valid; and

disabling printing of the print job by a printer remote from the remote monitoring device upon determining that the authorization code is invalid.

- 2. (Cancelled)
- 3. (Previously Presented) The method as recited in Claim 1, wherein the authorization code sent to the client computer from the remote monitoring device is received by an agent operating on the client computer.

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- 4. (Original) The method as recited in Claim 1, wherein the authorization code comprises an expiration interval parameter.
 - 5. (Cancelled)
 - 6. (Cancelled)
- 7. (Original) One or more computer-readable media comprising computerexecutable instructions that, when executed, perform the method as recited in Claim 1.
- 8. (Previously Presented) In a public computer service center where multiple computers can be connected to a communications link associated with the service center, a method comprising:

creating a request to log on to the communications link;

rendering a print job with the client computer;

sending an authorization code from a host located on the communications link to a client computer located on the communications link;

embedding the authorization code in a header of the print job;

subsequently sending the print job with the embedded authorization code from the client computer to a printer; and

checking whether the authorization code is valid, prior to enabling or disabling the print job from printing.

- 9. (Original) The method as recited in Claim 8, wherein the public computer service center is a hotel.
- 10. (Original) The method as recited in Claim 8, wherein the public computer service center is an airport-based printing center.
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- 11. (Original) The method as recited in Claim 8, wherein the authorization code contains an expiration interval parameter.
- 12. (Original) The method as recited in Claim 8, wherein the authorization code contains a quality of service parameter.
- 13. (Original) The method as recited in Claim 8, wherein an agent operating on the client computer receives the authorization code sent from the host and assigns the authorization code to the print job.
- 14. (Original) One or more computer-readable media comprising computerexecutable instructions that, when executed, perform the method as recited in Claim 8.
 - 15. (Cancelled)
 - 16. (Cancelled)
 - 17. (Cancelled)
 - 18. (Cancelled)
 - 19. (Cancelled)
 - 20. (Cancelled)
 - 21. (Cancelled)
 - 22. (Cancelled)
 - 23. (Cancelled)
 - 24. (Cancelled)
 - 25. (Cancelled)

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